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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Edmond Daniel Roussel et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/331,554 )  
Filed: August 23, 1999 )  
Title: ABSORBABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING )  
PROPIONIC BACTERIA CAPABLE OF RELEASING )  
NITRIC OXIDE IN THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL )  
ALIMENTARY CANAL )

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: V. Afremova

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2000, having a period for response set to expire on October 26, 2000, which has been extended to expire on November 26, 2000 by the enclosed Petition For Extension Of Time, Applicants submit the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 1, insert

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention.

On page 1, before line 10, insert

2. Description of the Related Art.

On page 2, before line 16, insert

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 No additional fee is required.

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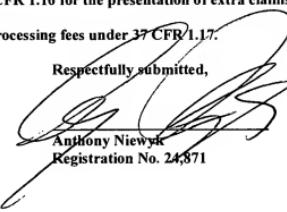
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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